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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1971**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dickerson**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brewer, Briggs, and**  
**Machado)**

February 18, 2000

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An act to add ~~Sections 50928 and 50929~~ *Section 50928* to the Government Code, relating to fire protection, and making an appropriation therefor.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1971, as amended, Dickerson. Volunteer firefighters: reimbursement for firefighting activities.

Existing law requires that volunteer firefighters receive workers' compensation benefits and authorizes the purchase of disability, life, health, or similar insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters.

This bill would require that all volunteer fire departments and those fire departments consisting of a combination of volunteer, partly paid, or fully paid members receive 100% reimbursement *from the General Fund* for responding to calls on state roads and highways and for state-mandated training ~~from the Department of Transportation and the State Fire Marshal, respectively~~. The bill would require that ~~the fire departments be reimbursed~~ *claims for reimbursement be*

*submitted to the Department of Finance and be paid within 60 days upon receipt of a claim.*

The bill would appropriate annually *an unspecified amounts amount* from the ~~State Highway Account in the State Transportation Fund and the State Fire Marshal Licensing and Certification General Fund~~ to the Department of Finance for these purposes.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 50928 is added to the  
2 Government Code, to read:

3 50928. (a) All volunteer fire departments and those  
4 fire departments consisting of a combination of  
5 volunteer, partly paid, or fully paid members shall  
6 receive 100 percent reimbursement for the department's  
7 actual costs for responding to calls on ~~state roads and~~  
8 ~~highways from funds in the State Highway Account in the~~  
9 ~~State Transportation Fund that are not subject to Article~~  
10 ~~XIX of the California Constitution. The fire departments~~  
11 ~~shall submit claims directly to the Department of~~  
12 ~~Transportation on forms provided by the program and all~~  
13 ~~claims shall be reimbursed within 60 days upon receipt of~~  
14 ~~the claim.~~

15 (b) The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (~~\_\_\_\_\_~~) is hereby  
16 appropriated annually from the State Highway Account  
17 in the State Transportation Fund for the purposes  
18 specified in subdivision (a).

19 SEC. 2. Section 50929 is added to the Government  
20 Code, to read:

21 50929. (a) *state roads and highways from the*  
22 *General Fund.*

23 (b) All volunteer fire departments and those  
24 consisting of a combination of volunteer, partly paid, or  
25 fully paid members shall receive 100 percent  
26 reimbursement for actual costs for state-mandated  
27 training from ~~funds in the State Fire Marshal Licensing~~

1 ~~and Certification~~ *the General Fund*, if either of the  
2 following applies:

3 (1) The state-mandated training facility is more than  
4 50 miles from the jurisdictional boundaries of the fire  
5 department.

6 (2) The state-mandated training is only offered on  
7 weekdays.

8 ~~(b) The claim for reimbursement shall be submitted~~  
9 ~~directly to the State Fire Marshal and shall be paid within~~  
10 ~~60 days upon receipt of the claim.~~

11 ~~(c) The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) is hereby~~  
12 ~~appropriated annually from the State Fire Marshal~~  
13 ~~Licensing and Certification Fund for the purposes~~  
14 ~~specified in subdivision (a).~~

15 *(c) Claims for reimbursement pursuant to this section*  
16 *shall be submitted directly to the Department of Finance*  
17 *and shall be paid within 60 days of receipt.*

18 *(d) The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) is hereby*  
19 *appropriated annually from the General Fund to the*  
20 *Department of Finance for the purposes specified in*  
21 *subdivisions (a) and (b).*